

2: Inmate AN

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002 E- What did you make of it?

003 A- Good, I like it.

004 E- Why?

005 A- Wake up, do nothing, then I go there, come back do nothing again. It's the only time of the day that my brain is actually working. Nothing challenging the rest of the day, no problem to solve. Shit - the rest of the day. You don't have to be creative the rest of the day.

E- What is it then that prompts it?

006 A- After I made the first bag, get into it, 'cause I saw what I could do.

008 A- I don't know, because I was all depressed and that as well. Something clicked, don't know what it was. I really don't know. One day I woke up and I wanted to do it. I had a chat with J.

009 E- What were you chatting about?

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011 AN- I don't know... you owe it to yourself, better make something of the situation. One day I woke up and I was in a good mood.

E- You think you will carry this good mood?

012 AN- Hopefully.

013 E- What else will you carry?

014 A- I am not throwing any more clothes! Usually I throw them. Now I will switch them.

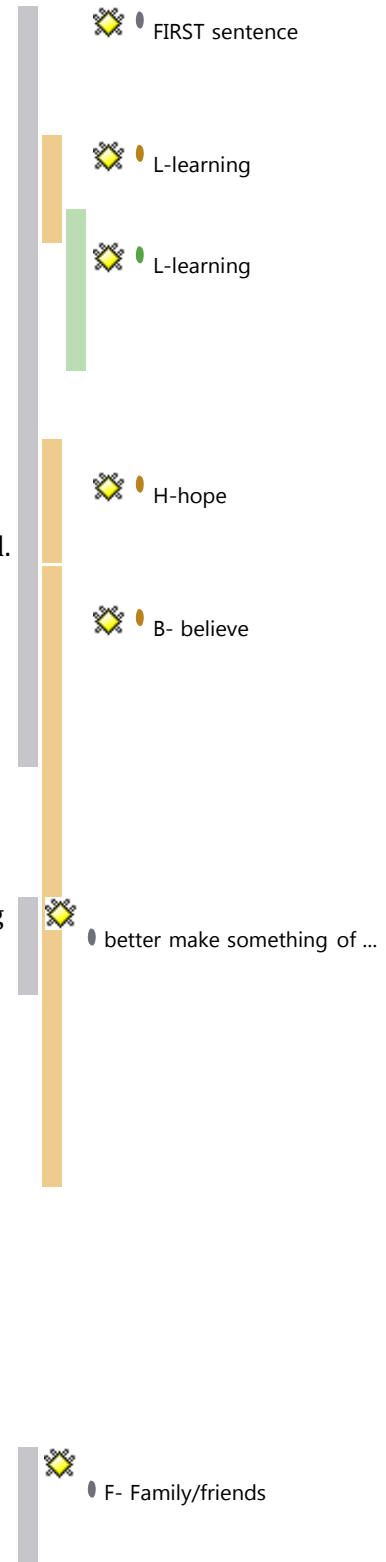
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E- Do you have where?

016 A- My sister has a sewing machine! It's one of those that is in a box and expands.

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019 E- What didn't you like?

020 A- At the beginning, felt the prison was using us to get
021 press. Maybe having someone like J from the beginning.

022 Yes that's it...

023 E- What skills or knowledge you already had that you used?

024 A - Problem solving.... but I think I have learned more than
what I knew.

025 E- Ok, lets make a list then! Right, what did you learn?

026 A- Persistence pays off, able to do something if put my mind
into it, stitching, pick a good material, how to make a bag
(laughs) ...

E- What skills or knowledge you had?

027 A- Measuring, I guess.

028 E- How did you learn that?

029 A- I did brick-laying course.

030 E- What else... what about knowledge...?

031 A- I knew how to steal bags (laughs). Don't know if it's ok..
(laughs)

E- How did that help?

033 A- Well I knew where to put the zip...

034 E- How did you learn that?

035 A- Friends taught me.

E- How?

036 AN- Watching friends steal bags in the street...

037 E- Ok, in the streets...




038 A- The streets, restaurants, everywhere really.

039 E- Where did you steal bags then?


040 A- I don't do it. I just know how to.


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 distrust
 U-uncertainty
 B- believe

 Problem solving

 I- Identity

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043 E- Why didn't you?

044 A- Because people that carry bags are usually women and I won't do it.

045 E- Ok, how did you feel knowing that and using it for this project?

A- It felt strange, I felt I was selling out my friends. Were making their life more difficult (smiles) strange...

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E- Still feel like that?

047 A- No.

048 E- Why?

A-Because it's their fault, innit? (laughs) I have to make money making bags to stop people stealing bags who make money stealing bags... makes more sense. (laughs)

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E- Did you think it was for charity?

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052 A- Nah.... I was focused on the design. Maybe if the woman for Sue Ryder was there other days... maybe it would remind me. But that once. But I think if I knew it was for charity wouldn't think I would do such a good job.

E- Why?

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054 A- Because you are giving it away - doing it for me made me do such a good job.

E- Why?

055 A- Well, I realised it is ok to do something for yourself. I learnt for once it is ok to do something for me.

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E- Yes... (smile) that's right . It's very important. What other skills you used?

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A- Perseverance.

058 E- You persevered then?

059 A- Yes, I am quite stubborn like that.

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Self compassion and care
self confidence

I- Identity

061 E- How have you been stubborn other times?

062 A- Well, for example, when I went out I said I am not going to a hostel, I was sure I didn't want that. So to go and be recalled and back in here - perseverance. (laughs)

063 E- What did you think of school?

064 A- I did like school until about 15.

065 E- What did you like at school?

066 A- Maths, history, religious studies, PE...

067 E- Anything you didn't?

068 A- Only thing I didn't like was English. I hated English.

069 E- Why did you stop then?

070 A- When 15, I got a job.

071 E- Where?

072 A- Cleaning.

073 E- What did you want the money for?

074 A- Clothes, shoes, get drunk, independence, I guess. Couldn't be bothered with exams. I grew up really fast, I guess. I

075 thought I was an adult when I was only 15.

E- Do you like classes now?

A- No, can't deal with the classroom situation no more.

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E- Why?

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A- Usually you are being talked at. It's not a conversation.

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I started to be arrested. I thought I was an adult when I was 15.

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E- Why did you start to get arrested?

A- Drinking, fighting.

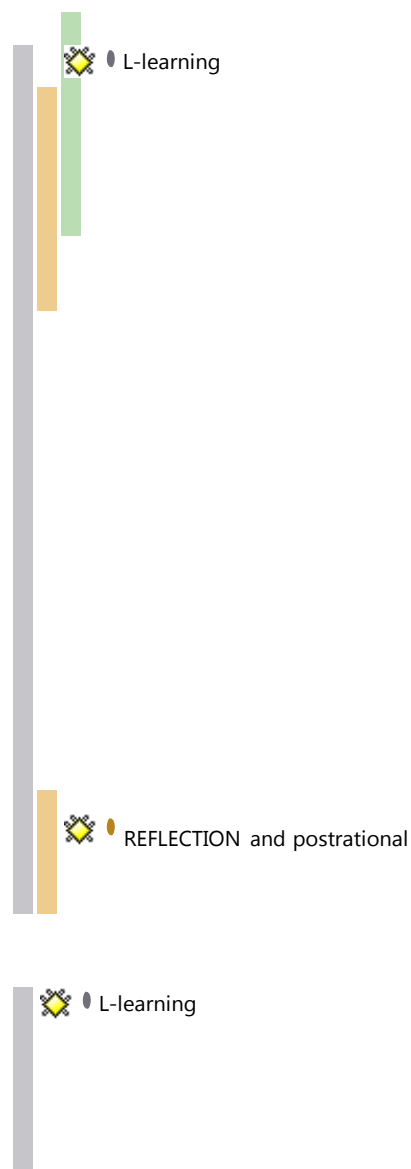
080 E- What other courses you have done here?

081 A- Food hygiene, health and safety...

082 E- How did you like that?

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085 A- Boring.

086 E- I guess it's more technical stuff?

087 A- Yes, it's being fed information. In Makeright our ideas are important. With health and safety our ideas don't matter - there is a right and wrong way.

 MATTERING
self confidence


088 E- Did you collaborate with others?

089 A- Not really working with others. Was all in our own little area. It's good to look to what others are doing. I like S's ideas and little N's was good as well. It's better with less people got more done.

 C-collaboration~

090 E- Were there any moment were you were uncomfortable?

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092 A- Start wasn't comfortable - talking to people - and the end I could talk. I think because I trust all people that were there today.

 U-uncertainty

093 E- So at the beginning was it because you didn't know anyone or anyone that you particularly didn't trust?

094 A- Maybe didn't know them at the beginning. Also uncomfortable with someone (specific name).

095 E- Why?

096 A- He kind of looks down, I don't like that.

097 E- So what you would say - would a good peer mentor do... ?


098 A- K could do it, just helping, I mean maybe if I did it again I could help with some stitching...etc.

099 E- Someone humble then?

100 A- Yes...

101 E- What made you comfortable?

102 A- People believing in me. Feeling welcomed. Feeling useful.


 B- believe

103 E- What are the memorable moments?

104 A- Finishing the bag. (smile)

 finishing the bag

105 Lorraine. I think I will remember her forever.

 B- believe

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E- What clicked/ was memorable?

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108 A- First time I was able to sew the egg shapes. It took me two weeks to figure out the eggs. Once I did it figure out I could do the rest.

 self confidence

E- In these two weeks you didn't get help?

109 A- I kept to myself, didn't ask for help. I couldn't but I didn't -
110 don't know why.

E- Perseverance helped though... (smile)

111 (wing officers start calling everyone to cells...)


112 E- Do you think it had any effect on how you understand others...etc?

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A- Nah...

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115 E- So what was the most important thing this did? What would you bring out with you?

 self confidence

116 A- Self-confidence. Anything is possible if you put your mind to it. I'm gonna try to keep that in my head.

(wing officers come to take him back to cell.)

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